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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. THE SECRETARY WISHES TO HAVE THE OASGA APRIL 16 OPEN-
ING DATE POSTPONED. PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES WITH SOME LATINS
HAVE SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT AND HAVE
INDICATED MAY 8 MIGHT BE THE MOST GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE NEW
DATE. THIS CHANGE REQUIRES FORMAL ACTION BY THE PERMANENT
COUNCIL. A COMBINATION OF FACTORS SEEMS TO MAKE POSTPONE-
MENT DESIRABLE. AMONG THEM ARE THE SLIPPAGE OF THE
SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, THE LONG AGENDA OF THE GA
WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT AND COMPLICATED ITEMS ON WHICH CARE-
FUL PREPARATION IS REQUIRED (I.E., REPORTS FROM THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AND IA-ECOSOC, THE LATTER OF WHICH PROBABLY
WON'T EVEN BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL),
AND OTHER COMPETING DEMANDS ON THE TIME OF HEMISPHERE
MINISTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ASAP IF YOUR HOST GOVERN-
MENT WOULD SUPPORT A RESOLUTION IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
SETTING MAY 8 AS THE OPENING DATE FOR THE GA (WHICH WILL
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LAST ABOUT TEN DAYS, THOUGH MINISTERS ARE USUALLY PRESENT

ONLY FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS). THE MEETING WOULD BE AT OAS
HEADQUARTERS HERE, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE. KISSINGER

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